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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IWC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PAROTTE INFORMED AGATT OFFICE THAT DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED TO CIRCULATE NEW DRAFTS FOR WHEAT AND COARSE GRAINS TRADE CONVENTIONS TO 12 MEMBER INTERIM COMMITTEE AND THAT "GROUP OF SIX" WOULD MEET MORNING OF OCTOBER 16 JUST PRIOR TO CONVENING OF FULL INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED OCTOBER 16-20. THESE DECISIONS WERE REACHED FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH US AND CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN DUNKEL. PAROTTE INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS SUITED HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCES, I.E., HE QUESTIONED USEFULNESS AND PRODUCTIVENESS OF TWO DAY "GROUP OF SIX" MEETING EARLIER PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN DUNKEL FOR MID-SEPTEMBER. HE REITERATED THAT DUNKEL REMAINS VERY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY OF WIDENING GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPED-DEVELOPING COUNTRY VIEWS CONCERNING POSSIBLE NEW WHEAT AGREEMENT.

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2. LONDON BASED CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL COUNSELOR BLUM (ALSO CONFERENCE VICE CHAIRMAN) CONTACTED AGATT OFFICE TO REPORT THAT BILL MINER (HEAD OF CANADIAN WHEAT DELEGATION) EXPRESSED CONCERN TO BLUM THAT DECISION TO CONVENE "GROUP OF SIX" MEETING FOR BRIEF PERIOD JUST PRIOR TO FULL INTERIM COMMITTEE WAS PERHAPS MOVING TOO FAR FROM ORIGINAL DUNKEL PROPOSAL FOR TWO DAY MID-

SEPTEMBER "GROUP OF SIX" SESSION. MINER COMMENTED THAT A ONE OR TWO DAY "GROUP OF SIX" MEETING PRIOR TO BUT NOT IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING OCTOBER 16-20 INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL. ACCORDING TO BLUM MINER INDICATED THAT THE CANADIANS WOULD NOT PUSH THIS POINT OF VIEW BUT SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSION MIGHT BE RE-OPENED INFORMALLY AT EXPORTERS MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 22.

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